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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors at the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Deposit will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented at each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—M. GEOTZ, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—O. D. BOURGEOIS, Esq.
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H. L. DALEYMPLE, Esq. A. P. McEWEN, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
Manager.
Shanghai.....EVAN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.
" 18 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 363

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my Absence Mr. A. S. GARFITT has been appointed Acting SECRETARY.
By Order W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 19, 1887. 307

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. GEORG THEODOR STEIMSEN in our Firm ceased on the 24th November, 1886, and that of Mr. PAUL GERHARD HUBBE on the 31st December, 1886.

Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sign our Firm for Procurement from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong and China,
14th February, 1887. 310

SAILOR'S HOME.
A NY Cast-Off Clothing, Books, or Parts, will be cheerfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of £1 10/- (One Pound and Ten Shillings Sterling) per Share of \$125, PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 302

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 7% or \$87 75 per Share for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1886, declared at To-day's Ordinary Year Meeting, will be Payable at the premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or after TUESDAY, the 1st Proximo, and Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 304

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY the 26th Instant to the 10th March, both days inclusive.

And Notice is also hereby given that at the above place and on the same day at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary Annual Meeting shall be concluded, an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held for the purpose of passing the subjacent Resolutions. Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for Confirmation at a Second Extraordinary Meeting of which due Notice will be given.

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the present Capital of the China Sugar Refining Company Limited be increased from \$900,000 to \$1,500,000 by the issue of 6,000 New Shares of \$100 each, to be issued at par.

2.—That the price of issue of each of the said new shares be fully paid up by the Allottee on the 31st March 1887, together with the sum of \$2 for each share by way of interest on such share from the 1st January 1887 to the 31st March 1887 at the rate of \$8 per cent per annum.

3.—That the holder of each of the said new shares shall be entitled to participate in the profits of the Company as from the 1st January 1887 equally with the holders of the present Capital of \$900,000.

4.—That the said new shares to be offered in the first place in such manner and at such time as the General Agents shall think fit to the persons who shall, on the 25th day of February 1887, be the registered holders of the old, or present, shares in the proportion following: that is to say, two new shares shall be offered to every holder of a complete number of three of the said old, or present, shares, and shall be accepted or not within the time limited for that purpose by the General Agents, and that any new share or shares, offered in manner aforesaid, and not accepted within the time so limited, and also any share or shares which the General Agents shall have been unable to offer in manner aforesaid by reason of their being no holder, or holders, of a complete number or complete numbers of three of the said old or present, shares, shall be disposed of and allotted by the General Agents and Consulting Committee at such time, and in such manner and way as they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

5.—That the purchase of Inland Lots Nos. 729 and 730 Victoria, Hongkong, at the agreed price of \$60,000 be now formally confirmed and these lands transferred into the Company's name.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited.

Hongkong, February 19, 1887. 308

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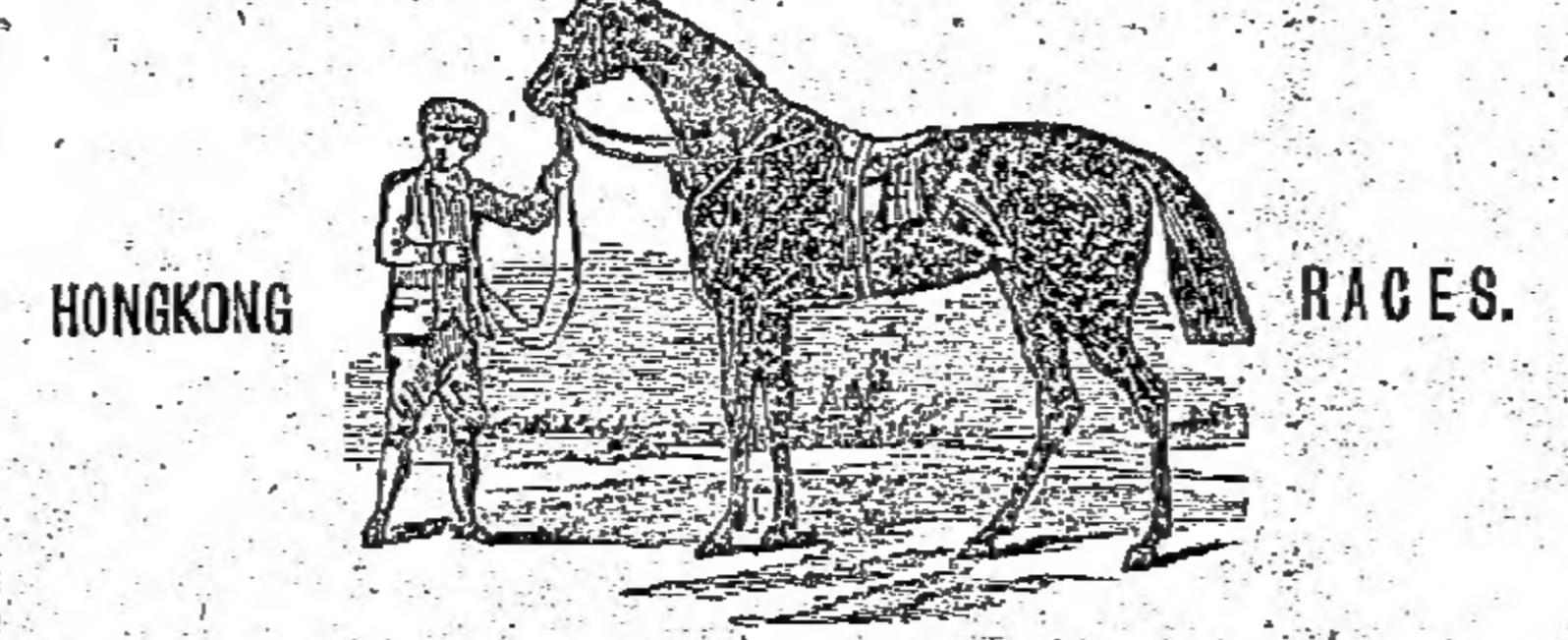
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Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.



RACES.

HONGKONG

FOR SALE.

RACING SADDLES AND GENERAL SADDLERY.

JOCKEY WHIPS, SPURS AND RIDING BOOTS.

RACE SCARVES AND COLOURS.

FELT HATS, NEWEST STYLES AND SHAPES.

CIGARS 'THE MANIAS.'

Also,

AYALA & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG, February 12, 1887. 250

JUST PUBLISHED,

THE HONGKONG ALMANACK

FOR 1887.

CONTAINING the Calendars and Astronomical Phenomena for the Year computed to Hongkong Civil Time, Information respecting the Colony and the several Government Departments, Meteorological and General Statistics, Tide Tables, Wages Tables, Postal Regulations, Map of the Island, and a Mass of Statistical and Interesting Local Information not otherwise accessible in a handy form,

COMPILED BY BRUCE SHEPHERD.

PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, February 11, 1887. 243

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

A SELECTION OF

STYLISH SUITINGS AND TROUSERINGS.

DRAB SHELL HATS.

CHRISTY'S BLACK AND COLORED FELT HATS.

New Boots and Shoes.

PATENT LEATHER DANCING PUMPS.

Hongkong, February 16, 1887. 246

VICTORIA HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony, and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire Harbour, within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORABEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 1612

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED First Delivery of Ladies' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, Cheap BEIGE, TUSCAN and CREAM LACES, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS.

COMBED BOARHAD POCKET HANDKERCHIEFS, BLACK and COLOURED LADIES' JERSEYS.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLE SOLE SHOES, GLADSTONE and BELF BAGS.

SOLID LEATHER PORTMANTAEUS.

SARATOGA TRUNKS and TIN HOSES.

New Designs in TAPESTRIES.

TAPESTRY TABLE CLOTHS, all sizes.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 17, 1887. 283

THE CHINA MAIL.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Wing-sung*, having arrived from the above Ports, Calculutta, etc., of Cargo by her are now informed that their Goods are being loaded at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th March will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 25, 1887. 352

FOR SALE.

NOW ON SALE: A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

GROVE OCTAVO, pp. 1013, HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, \$2.50
Part II. K-M, \$2.50
Part III. M-T, \$3.00
Part IV. T-Y, \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangshu's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is not to be confined to the Cantonese dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, is published separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, January 16, 1887. 115

FOR SALE.

A COMPLETE REPRINT, in Pamphlet Form, of the proceedings in the RECENT LIEUT. CASE OF

REGINA V. PITMAN, containing the whole of the Proceedings at the Police Court, full report of the trial in Criminal Sessions, with connected Correspondence and comments of the Press. To which is now added a Report of the Case of

PITMAN V. KESWICK AND OTHERS.

Price per Copy, - - - - - 50 CENTS.
China Mail Office.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be payable at the OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after 1st day of March, 1887.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 373

WANTED TO PURCHASE

A STEAMER, of 1,200 to 1,600 TONS REGISTER, must be in good order and working condition.

Send Full Particulars, Price, &c., &c., to JNO. W. HALL,
Auctioneer,
YOKOHAMA.

8th March, 1887. 372

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Co.'s Steamship *Nimrod*, Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 369

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Co.'s Steamship *Diamond*, Capt. McAskill, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 370

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. The Co.'s Steamship *Island*, Capt. A. H. Hunt, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, at Daylight.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poo. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 368

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

7th of March, 1887, at 11 a.m., on BOARD,

THE BRITISH THREE-MASTED SCHOONER

WANDERING MINSTREL.

of 362 Tons Register, Built in 1875, and newly Sheathed with Yellow Metal, with all her TACKLE and APPAREL,

na she lies in the Harbour, near the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid after fall of hammer, the remainder upon transfer to the Vessel to be at Purchaser's risk immediately after being knocked down.

A SWARM LAUNCH will leave Pedder's Wharf at 10.45 a.m., for further particulars, apply to the AUCTIONEER.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 371

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBT.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADMIRALTY, British ship, Captain C. A. Anderson.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ANNIE, German barque, Captain J. F. Kruenck.—Wieland & Co.

DANIEL T. TENNY, American ship, Capt. Guo S. Wilson.—Takasima Co.

SARAH HIGGITT, American ship, Capt. A. Muzgan.—Ed. Schellhase & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 27, 1887.—

Ping-chao-hai, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Centaur, German barque, 668, Christiansburg, N. G., February 3, Timber.—Wieser & Co.

Thames, British steamer, 2,191, W. Scattor, Shanghai, February 24, Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Thiel, British steamer, 1,671, W. D. Madsen, Yokohama February 19, Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

James W. Watt, British steamer, 1,034, A. Perse, Saigon February 22, Rice.—Russell & Co.

Cardigan Bay, British steamer, 1,023, Adamson.—Bell & Co.

Triles, German str., 1,340, A. Bleihoen, Saigon February 22, Rice and Paddy.

Greyhound, British steamer, 227, George Wright, Pakho February 24, and Hillow 26, General.—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

Per S. S. *Loyalty*, sailed 19th February: For YOKOHAMA—For Yokohama, 223, 490 lbs. Merchandise; for Honolulu, 100 bags Beans, 212 pkgs. Merchandise and 60 boxes Prepared Opium; for San Francisco, 12,000 lbs Rice, 100 bags Beans, 28 bags Coffees, 160 boxes Nutmegs, 35 bags Cinnamon, 50 boxes Quinine, 4 cases Saffron, 1,028 pkgs. Merchandise; for Victoria, N. C., 215 bags Rice and 30 pkgs. Merchandise; for Panama, 2,800 bags Rice, 661 pkgs. Merchandise and 20 cases Silk; for Calcutta, 2 cases Silk; for New York, 5 bags Raw Silk.

Per S. S. *Loyalty*, sailed 19th February: For HAMBURG, 493 pkgs. Cases, 50 cases Star anise, 58 bags Feathers, 600 boxes Cassia, 5 cases Murchandise and 3 cases Black-wood-ware; for London, 440 rolls Matting, 418 bags 200 ft. twine; 6 boxes Merchandise and 200 cans Gallatin; for Hamburg London, 160 boxes Staran.

Per S. S. *Nurnberg*, sailed 21st February: For HAMBURG, 493 pkgs. Cases, 50 cases Star anise, 58 bags Feathers, 600 boxes Cassia, 5 cases Murchandise and 3 cases Black-wood-ware; for London, 440 rolls Matting, 418 bags 200 ft. twine; 6 boxes Merchandise and 200 cans Gallatin; for Hamburg London, 160 boxes Staran.

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WU-TA CHUN, the new Governor of the Province of Kwangtung, with his suite, arrived here yesterday in the Chinese Merchants steamer *Rang-pai* from Shanghai. During the day, he paid a visit to H. E. the Acting Governor at Government House. He proceeded to Canton yesterday evening in the Chinese gunboat *Peng Chao Kai*.

A correspondent, who, like most residents, cannot restrain his indignation over the proscriptive amount of saluting which yesterday was inflicted on the community, writes to ask if nothing can be done to prevent the recurrence of such a positive annoyance. From early morn till dusk, the community were startled at brief intervals by the firing of heavy guns or broad charges from small guns, and the firing seemed to be heaviest at a time when it was likeliest to give the most annoyance, during church services. Of course, we do not suppose this was done out of pure malice, but if the salutars had tried to select a more inappropriate time they could not have done so. Though the Chinese were the greatest offenders in one respect, having started the powder-wasting shortly after six o'clock, causing those whose windows faced the water to be almost shaken out of their bed, we regretted to notice that the foreign mail-of-war were also guilty parties. From the Chinese we scarcely expect any respect for the Sabbath, if we do not compel it; but we might have looked for better things from the ships of civilized nations. At one time, saluting was never heard of on Sunday, and we have no doubt residents of every shade and creed would gladly welcome this good old practice back again. Another rule, which, we believe, is still observed by all but Chinese, is that no saluting shall take place before eight o'clock. If this be a rule, then the parties responsible should see it enforced. If there be no such rule, then the sooner one is framed the better. For ourselves, we should prefer to see the senseless, annoying and expensive practice of saluting everything and everybody entirely done away with. This, however, is, we suppose, asking too much. Least ways, we think we are entitled to claim that the quiet of Sundays should remain unbroken by such unwholesome banging as we were afflicted with yesterday. We hope the authorities, civil, military and naval, will take note.

The *Cologne Gazette* of the 7th January gives some interesting details regarding the proposed Seminary for the study of Oriental Languages to be established at Berlin. It appears that a bill for establishment of this Seminary was lately before the Imperial German Parliament and, after favourable discussion, referred to the Budget Commission. The Memorial appended to the bill states the object of the proposed school of languages to be, to combine theoretical instruction in certain living Oriental languages with practical exercises, in order to give to future candidates of the interpretational (Consular) service, and to those members of other professions who possess the requisite degree of intellectual, and moral maturity, facilities for the theoretical study and practical mastery of those languages. It is proposed that the instruction to be given shall comprise the following languages, viz. Turkish, Arabic, Persian, two languages of India, Japanese and Chinese. For each of those languages two teachers are to be supported, viz. one German teacher possessing a theoretical education and, if possible, familiarly conversant with the respective languages through long residence in the countries concerned, and one assistant teacher selected from among the natives of those countries and capable of conducting practical exercises with the students of the Seminary. The instruction to be given is to be gratuitous on the whole. For the benefit of the Seminary annual stipends are provided, amounting in the aggregate to £40, to be distributed among indigent German Seminarians. The distribution of these stipends with reference to the respective languages is reserved for the Administration. For the students of the Seminary a final examination is provided, the passing of which, though not obligatory, will entitle candidates for the interpretational (consular) service to special consideration. The administration and organisation of the Seminary will be arranged under the co-operation of the Foreign Office, which indicates that the Seminary is viewed as a measure in aid of the political representation of the Empire in relation with foreign Powers. The first cost of the establishment of this Seminary is estimated to amount to £2,000 and the annual ordinary expenditure to £2,600. The Empire and Prussia are to contribute, each one half of the latter sum.

The salaries would seem to be absurdly low. Taking away £405 for stipends to students there are left £2219 per annum for salaries of 7 teachers and 7 assistant (native) teachers. Allowing for the latter the lowest possible salary, say £10 a month for each, or £840 per annum for the seven, there are left £1,357 for German professors or £103 per annum for each. What do the Cambridge and Oxford endowments of Oxbridge chairs amount to?

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The *Hepao* says that H. E. Tan, the newly appointed Governor of Yenan Province, left Hankow on the 11th inst., for his new post.

Owing to the anticipated visit of Prince Chün to Shanghai, the Chinese mandarins are assembling at Woosung to go through a number of evolutions, so as to be able to present a good appearance when the Prince reviews them. —*N.C. D. News*.

The *Meiji Maru*, which arrived at Yokohama on the 12th instant, according to the *Nagasaki Express*, will leave again to continue the search for the *Uebi Kan* after the arrival of the *Nagato Maru*. It is stated that should this second expedition be unsuccessful, the search will be given up.

Pita Golab, in the *Overland Mail*, writes:— I have lately seen a delightful little invention for holding a ball programme, which, though a necessary, is often a rather troublesome appendage to the et cetera of ball attire. This is a little gilt or silvered clip, that securely holds the card, and to it is attached a tiny stamp that prints one's name on the partner's card instead of the trouble of writing it. The whole arrangement is fastened to the dress by a safety-pin.

The *Nagasaki Express* of the 23rd instant says:—The man Vastappor, who is generally believed to be a Chinese employed detective, was given evidence in favour of the Chinese in the notorious riot case, and was afterwards promoted to the Chinese authority here to pursue his occupation, on the plea that he was a good man to be relied on. He was reported to have been drowned in the *Wan-nien-ching* reported that there were several men drowned in the steamer's two decks, and in her cabin, but the divers have not succeeded in finding any bodies in these places, and it is probable that the only lives lost were those who got out of the boat in the rush that was made to the shore.

We take the following from Mr Peter MacLean's Shanghai Commercial Circular:— There has been further arrival from Tientsin, and the extreme severity of winter along the Yangtze valley is past, but neither this incident, nor, in fact, any other—the improvement that has taken place in the values of some cottons, silks, and the news that the Shensi Farmers have, after an absence of about four years, stopped their *tsui* or mid-year credit and financial media, to wit—has enabled the authorities to get rid of the depression caused by the unswiftness of exchange throughout the past week. The decline in sterling considerably more than absorbs the rise in gold. Yet it would still be well for importers if the assurance remained to them that the worst had been reached. They would then have some notion of where they are and what they can do. But, as it is, they are utterly 'at sea,' they are consumed with their own anxiety, and they are powerless to combat the 'great evil' that has come upon them. Moreover, there is the hope of something by way of solatium out of the dealers, on whom the enhancement of rates has been established in exercising a retarding influence. As far as I can judge, and I am not a man of the world—outside the steamship there is absolutely no reason for the present upsetting of their calculations. Adverses from Tientsin say that the weather has become milder, but here there is as yet no sign of preparation on the part of the steamers for their departure northwards other than that the godowns have been filled with goods ready to be put on board, and which will be shipped immediately the *Pei-ho* is reported navigable. At Hankow business was slowly reviving, and woolens have slightly improved at this place in consequence; and the arrival of a vessel from Chefoo the other day was signalled by some enquires for goods suitable for that market. But from our other dependences the news of the week has been without interest.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT FROM THE VICTORIA LAUNDRY COMPANY.

Lam Ping was charged at the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Weddington, with feloniously embezzling and stealing divers sums of money amounting to \$155.81, the monies of the Victoria Laundry Company on or about 13th November 1886.

Mr. R. C. Hurley said:—I was recently manager of the Victoria Laundry Company. The accused was the sheriff in the employ of that Company. About the middle of November at a meeting of the shareholders of the Company all matters in connection with the accounts were taken out of my hands at a moment's notice, and were placed in the hands of Mr. William Leggo to collect. I had therefore no opportunity of checking with the sheriff every account that he then had in his hands. The accused was paid at the rate of \$10 a month with no increase in the proceeds, and his duties were solely to collect money by me monthly up to the end of October, the last being paid on the 23rd November. He was not secured. About the 23rd December all the accounts were handed back to me with the exception of nine, and I was asked to collect them as fast as I could. On proceeding to collect these accounts I found that a good many of them had already been collected by the sheriff and had not been handed to me. In fact from the time that the accounts were taken out of my hands in November until the 27th February I never saw the accused at all. On the 27th February as I was going down Ta-Ping Shan I saw the sheriff in the street. I stopped and spoke to him and he said on with him until we got to a constable, when I gave him in charge. I charged him with embezzling divers sums of money to the extent of \$155.81. At the end of November I handed the accused a bill for about \$1,000 with orders to collect him. As the accused was not secured it had been my practice to make him pay in his collections twice a day whenever possible, and at any rate once a day.

The accused, in his defence, said:—On the 4th moon last year I joined the establishment receiving \$10 a month. On the 6th moon I complained of the hard work and wanted to leave the service. Mr. Hurley would not let me go and said he would give me \$5 per month more pay. I stayed until the 7th moon when I heard my wife was sick. I received no pay; so I said to Mr. Hurley that he had not paid me. I will go and collect some of those bills for my expenses. I collected altogether about \$100. He had not paid me my wages for the 4th moon to the 9th moon. He knew that I had collected this \$90 when I returned home to the country to look after my wife. She has been ill for a long time and now she is dead. I have not collected the amount stated by Mr. Hurley. Since I returned from Canton I spoke to the complainant about the money and told him what I had done. I had promised to pay him back the \$90 I had collected.

Mr. Hurley (recalled) said:—and every one of the statements made by the prisoner was false. He had been paid in full, had never complained of hard work, had never sued for nor been promised an advance of wages, had never mentioned about his wife being sick, nor about his going to collect accounts to pay himself; and he had never offered because he intends to give the order to Morris & Co., respecting thereby to secure for himself the Japanese agency of that eminent firm. That means, obviously, that a long-headed Japanese merchant, foreseeing that the tide of orders is to set steadily in the direction of Germany, thinks it worth his while to spend thirty thousand dollars on the chance of procuring a share in the execution of those orders. He must have considerable confidence in the strength of his country's affection for Germany. —*Japan Mail*.

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The *Wan-nien-ching*—We referred some days ago to the order given by the Tao-tai to a well-known silkman here to recover the bodies of the men drowned in the collision between the *Nepal* and the *Wan-nien-ching*. Chopping was the silkman referred to, and he now furnishes us with the following version of it. He says that the suggestion to search for the bodies came originally from the Mixed Court magistrate, who body recovered. As no bodies were found, the *Nepal* heard the sharp blast of a steam whistle nearly ahead or a little on the port bow, and supposing that the vessel from which the sound proceeded was approaching and directing her course to starboard, the engine of the *Nepal* were put full speed astern and the order given to put the helm hard-a-port, but immediately after the order was given, and before it could be carried out, a bright light suddenly came into view nearly astern, and this seemed to indicate a vessel crossing to starboard, the helm of the *Nepal* was ordered hard-a-starboard; very shortly afterwards the stern of the *Nepal* struck the starboard side of a vessel, which proved to be the steamer *Wan-nien-ching*, about midships; and the defendant expressly charged the *Wan-nien-ching* with having kept a bad and insufficient look-out, with neglect to exhibit lights, or an improper exhibition of them, with having omitted to sound a bell, and with improperly blowing a steam whistle while at anchor, and the like generally that the collision was caused by the default and negligence of the *Wan-nien-ching*, and that there was no default or contributory negligence on the part of those on board the *Nepal*, and that, so far as the *Nepal* is concerned, the collision was the result of inevitable accident. The defendant, on the other hand, having heard the evidence given on behalf of the plaintiffs, alleged that the *Nepal* was in default on five different grounds, viz., getting underway before daylight, without taking sufficient precautions, undue speed at the time of discovering danger, manoeuvring in ignorance of actual facts, and giving contradictory orders in the course of such manoeuvring, insufficient look-out, and lastly, not stopping and anchoring immediately the fog commenced. The *Nepal* denied that the *Wan-nien-ching* had been at anchor when she was struck, and that the *Nepal* had taken it with the intention of giving it back and that the soldiers knew what he had done. Before searching the accused I said, in his hearing, to the two soldiers 'I must search you to see if you have the watch and chain.' I searched them in the presence of the accused. After I searched them the silkman began to make a noise, and I told him to stand to him, he accosted, walked out of the Station. My attention being drawn to this, I called him back, and he willingly obeyed. I then searched him and found the watch and chain. He never said a word to me about having the watch when the boatman said it was missing.

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Facilities, during the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Grove Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore Z, and those in the body of the

Harbour, marked B. The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 50